

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claim listings with the following claim listing.

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) ~~A composition as set forth in claim 1~~ The method of claim 28, wherein said compound having arachidonic acid as a component fatty acid is any one of an alcohol ester of arachidonic acid, a triglyceride having arachidonic acid as a component fatty acid, and a phospholipid.

3. (Currently amended) ~~A composition as set forth in~~ The method of claim 2, wherein in said triglyceride having arachidonic acid as a component fatty acid, the ratio of the arachidonic acid in the total fatty acids comprising the triglyceride is at least 20%.

4. (Currently amended) ~~A composition as set forth in~~ The method of claim 2, wherein said triglyceride having arachidonic acid as a component fatty acid is extracted from a microorganism belonging to any one of the *Mortierella*, *Conidiobolus*, *Pythium*, *Phytophthora*, *Penicillium*, *Cladosporium*, *Mucor*, *Fusarium*, *Aspergillus*, *Rhodotorula*, *Entomophthora*, *Echinosporangium*, and *Saprolegnia*.

5. (Currently amended) ~~A composition as set forth in~~ The method of claim 2, wherein said triglyceride having arachidonic acid as a component fatty acid is a triglyceride including at least 5% of a triglyceride with a medium-chain fatty acid bonded to the 1,3-position and with arachidonic acid bonded to the 2-position.

6. (Currently amended) ~~A composition as set forth in~~ The method of claim 5, wherein said medium-chain fatty acid is selected from a fatty acid having 6 to 12 carbon atoms.

7. (Currently amended) ~~A composition as set forth in claim 1~~ The method of claim 28, wherein said symptom due to aging of the blood vessels is a drop in the elasticity of the blood vessels.

8. (Currently amended) ~~A composition as set forth in claim 1~~ The method of claim 28, wherein said symptom due to aging of the blood vessels is arteriosclerosis and the disease is an ischemic cardiac disease.

9. (Currently amended) ~~A composition as set forth in~~ The method of claim 8, wherein said ischemic cardiac disease is one of myocardial infarction and angina.

10. (Currently amended) ~~A composition as set forth in claim 1~~ The method of claim 28, wherein said symptom due to aging of the blood vessels is arteriosclerosis and the disease is cerebral apoplexy.

11. (Currently amended) ~~A composition as set forth in~~ The method of claim 10, wherein said cerebral apoplexy is one of cerebral hemorrhage and cerebral infarction.

Claims 12-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended) A method for prevention or treatment of symptoms or diseases due to aging of the blood vessels, ~~including~~ comprising administering to a subject requiring that administration one of arachidonic acid and a compound having arachidonic acid as a component fatty acid.